

Madbury Dec 10 1828

Dear Friend

It is indeed a long time since
I sat down to address you - so long
that I can hardly reckon up the years
whether they ~~are~~ five or six. During
this period I have constantly followed
you in your eventful history, or as
tailed in the Ugolino Herald; &
often trembled for you in your
dangers & rejoiced at every prosperous
circumstance. Heaven be praised that
you live & that of your wife has
been spared, & that you have been
able to accomplish so much for
Christ & the Church. May you
both be long spared to keep many
since I parted from you I have
been settled in the Ministry in
Greenfield (N.H.) Married, dismissed
from the Ministry on account
of weak lungs & am now con

connected with Middlebury College.
During this period I have been
for the most part usefully
occupied; having the usual em-
ount of trials & much that
has been encouraging. I have
lost some dear friends, & live depen-
-ent from others. But there is a
renewal when pious friends meet,
whether while on earth they live
under the same roof or no, & so
between them. I had a letter
from Brother Bull the first
that I have had in a long time.
He is a useful Minister in
Lebanon Co. He says I feel that
I am growing old. I suspect
that none of us feel quite as
young as when we are to prom-
enade chapel street & that Bro
Bull has not grown old
as white as poster though you & I.
Why can you not visit this

country before long. I believe that
you might by so doing contribute
very materially to the advancement
of the Missions cause. The
Missions spirit is widely increas-
ing but it ought to increase
a hundred fold.

I have an unexp.
ected opportunity of sending this
by Rev Mr Robertson with
whom you will be acquainted to
from an acquaintance as of old
on board in the voyage of our
land. It is not too much
to expect. I should be very much
gratified by a letter from you.
My heart is the same towards
you as ever though my relations
in life have but constantly in-
creasing. Don't entirely give up
your old correspondent. I should
write a little longer but of the
nine o'clock in the evening is
my only opportunity. My affection
etc. is ever to Mrs Bird, in whom
is the greater joy of our Father
William C Lewis

Malta, Jan. 31.

Rev Isaac Bnd
Am. Missionary
Malta

Rev Mr. Robinson

Rev Mr. Douglass, Miss. Coll. Dec. 10
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Rev Mr. Bnd, Jan. 31, 1819